

Amendments to the Specification:

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9/10/08 Please amend the <sup>first</sup> ~~last~~ paragraph on page ~~8~~<sup>5</sup>, ~~extending to the~~  
~~top of page 4~~, as follows:

The use of the switch-off box 27 directly on the welding torch ~~20~~ 10 offers the advantage of the switch-off box 27 having to take up less weight, thus exhibiting an improved switch-off behavior in the event of a collision. Moreover, the independent switch-off box 27 ensures optimum adaptations to be made in the arrangement of the switch-off box 27, since the latter may be used at the most diverse points in the robot system. It is also feasible to use the switch-off box 27 in such a manner that no welding components are connected, but that it is, for instance, used between the robot arm and the fastening means 30 for the welding torch 10 ~~20~~.